Abel J. Evans

Delegate to the Constitutional Convention from Lehi Taken from the Beehive History-Utah State Historical Society

Abel J. Evans of Lehi, was another delegate with family worries. On April 2, he asked to be excused indefinitely on account of news that I have just received of my mother not being expected to live. His request was granted, but by April 8 he was back at the convention and took a active part in the proceedings.

Evans, born in Lehi on December 20, 1852, had helped to support his widowed mother and seven brothers and sisters from age 13 by tending to his family farm until 1874. Then he married Louisa Emerline Zimmerman and went into business for himself. He was a member of the Lehi City Council (elected in 1879 and 1881), an alderman (1883 and 1887, mayor (1891) and also a member of the Utah County Court.

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